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FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA -305) 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

re: Docket No. 99D-4488 and 99D-4489

To whom it may concern;

I am writing you as a health conscious consumer regarding the matter of new regulations on the "sprout" industry. I have been sprouting for years and feel strongly that this fresh food is an important part of a healthy diet.

I understand the concerns of the FDA in trying to control bacterial infection of the nation's sprout supply but it seems to me that the proposed new regulations will not achieve the desired result.

It is very important that organic seed growers be allowed to stay in business! There has never been a case of bacterial illness associated with Certified Organic sprout seed. Please consider this in your decision making process! The FDA should add to their guidelines a clause which states that "Certified Organic as well as seed certified by FDA for human consumption is considered an acceptable alternative approach to prevention of microbial hazards in sprouted seeds."

Please consider the health conscious consumer and the hard working organic seed growers/distributors in your decision making process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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